

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed September 23, 2005, claims 21-25, 29-35 and 37-39 are canceled. Claims 1-20, 26-28 and 36 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

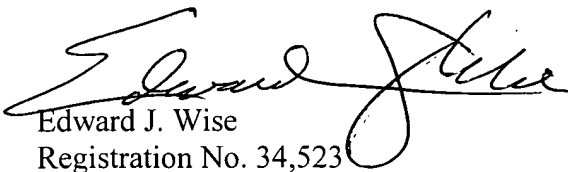
CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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